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THE ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

It seems very fitting that a memorial should be erected to ex-President Theodore Roosevelt and it is appropriate that the funds for the memorial should be raised by popular subscription. Roosevelt was a truly great American who loved his country with an intense patriotism, and did as much for the upbuilding and maintenance of high ideal as any citizen in the whole country.

He was a clean courageous up right man who placed America first and had the courage of his convictions. He was a just man in dealing with public problems; and could not be bullied or cajoled into doing a thing which seemed to him to be wrong.

No American has done more toward setting high ideals before the people and encouraging a high standard of citizenship.

During the war he cheerfully urged his three sons to get into the service and one gave his life on the field of battle. In addition to that it was a great source of regret to him that he was not able to go personally or render greater service.

At his death the whole world mourned the loss of a great man and a true friend of democracy.

At this time it is quite in keeping with the spirit of the times that we should pay tribute and leave a memorial to his sterling manhood and genuine worth; which is contributed by the whole people whose friend and counselor he was.

The following "Dedication" is a fitting tribute:

"He was found faithful over a few things and he was made ruler over many; he cut his own trail clean and straight and millions followed him toward the light; He was frail; he made himself a tower of strength. He was timid; he made himself a lion of courage. He was a dreamer; he became one of the great doers of all time; Men put their trust in him; women found a champion in him; kings stood in awe of him, but children made him their playmate; He broke a nation's slumber with his cry, and it rose up. He touched the eyes of blind men with a flame that gave them vision. Souls became swords through him; swords became servants of God; He was loyal to his country and he exacted loyalty; he loved many lands, but he loved his own best; He was terrible in battle, but tender to the weak; joyous and tireless, being free from self-pity; clean with a cleanness that cleansed the air like a gale; His courtesy knew no wealth, no class; his friendship, no creed or color or race. His courage stood every onslaught of savage beast and ruthless man, of loneliness, of victory, or defeat. His mind was eager, his heart was true, his body and spirit, defiant of obstacles, ready to meet what might come; He fought injustice and tyranny; bore sorrow gallantly; loved all nature, bleak spaces and hardy companions, hazardous adventure and the zest of battle. Wherever he went he carried his own pack; and in the uttermost parts of the earth he kept his conscience for his guide."

THE GRATIOT CLUB

There is an organization in Alma known as the Gratiot club. It is an organization of men and the purpose of it primarily is to get men together for social enjoyment and a relaxation from the grind of business, but it has a more important function in the city than that.

This body of men banded together, can be an untold power for good. By their united effort the city may be made to grow by leaps and bounds; the housing problem may be provided for, the city may be kept clean physically and morally; our industries may be fostered and encouraged, new enterprises may be induced to locate here, and Alma may be made to thrive and grow as never before in her history.

In unity there is strength and great things are accomplished by co-operation.

This organization of men is going to do one of two things. It is either going to make the club a strong virile force for the upbuilding of the town and the good of the community or else it is going to let the club die of a sort of dry rot, as many other clubs have done, which had no worthy aim.

An organization must have some worth while things in view to justify its existence. Keen business men are not willing to play butterfly for any length of time.

It is true that a little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men but it must be mixed liberally with something that is worthy of their best manhood.

Now the success or failure of this club is not the problem of any one man or of any few men. It is an enterprise that concerns the public, and the men of Alma must share in the responsibility of making it a success, and provide worthy things for it to do or else it is doomed to an early and ignominious death. It is not a case where we can say, "Let George do it." If it's worth while at all, it demands some earnest attention from all of us.

The important matter of election of officers of that club comes up for our consideration on November 13th and all members should be present and participate in the election and then give loyal support to the men elected for the good of the club and for the greater good of the city. The Gratiot club will stand for something or nothing as we, the men of Alma, decree by our own action.

If you believe in a Great Creator of all things, and a future existence, why wouldn't it be a good idea to think about that matter a little and get some well defined ideas into your head about the day you have to give an accounting of what you have done with your life, before the Grim Reaper appears around the corner to start mowing on your premises. His appearance may be unexpected and confusing, otherwise.

Did you ever notice that it rarely pays to take offense at a fancied slight, or even a real one for that matter? If fancied only there is nothing to take offense at; if intended, you are putting yourself upon the same level with the person who gave it by showing that you care and at the same time giving them the satisfaction of knowing that they have succeeded in what they undertook to do, while you are making yourself most miserable also.

The world needs, most of all in this trying era of reconstruction big men and big women; men and women who can look at facts exactly as they are stripped of camouflage of every sort, who can face life bravely and fearlessly and give of their best to their country and their fellow men, forgetting petty annoyances and putting aside selfish ambitions.

The human animal is perhaps the most interesting of all animals to study, because he is so numerous and so vivid. Did you ever stop to think that you might search the whole world of things, down through all the ages and never find an exact duplicate of yourself or of any of your friends?

If conditions don't suit you and you want a change, it will be necessary for you to do something beside kick about it. It's a constructive policy that counts for something and gets results. A mule has quite a reputation as a kicker but he is not a very constructive bird at that.

Some of those coal-mine strikers are likely to get mighty hungry if the farmers ever adopt the policy of working only six hours a day.

If every knock is a boost, as the old saying is, there must be an awfully well organized bunch of knockers behind the price boosting game that is going on.

ART CLUB BENEFIT

The Alma Art Club will give two one-act plays in the high school auditorium, October 27, at 8 o'clock. Admission 50c.

This body of progressive women has always been among the foremost in all work for the good of the community. They are making every effort to make this entertainment a success, and it is deserving of support. The following is a brief synopsis and cast of characters:

"Overtones"

This is a cleverly written sketch, portraying the dual personality that exists in every one. The characters of Harriet and Margaret are the educated and refined overtones of Hetty and Maggie, the passionate, crude and real women.

The Cast

Harriet, wife of a wealthy man—Mrs. Louise McKenzie.
 Hetty, her other self—Mrs. Nevada Rockwell.

Margaret, wife of a poor artist—Mrs. Edna Bamber.
 Maggie, her counterpart—Miss Etta Stuckey.

"The Kleptomaniac"

A charming young woman, returning from an afternoon musical, discovers the loss of her purse, money, and jewels. The search for the purse and the locating of the kleptomaniac with the assistance of the police, bring about many amusing situations.

Cast of Characters

Mrs. John Burton, Peggy—Mrs. Marcelle Stuckey.

Mrs. Valeria Chase Arnsby, a young woman—Mrs. Helen Watson.

Mrs. Charles Dover, Mable, a bride—Mrs. Hazel Crandell.

Mrs. Preston Ashley, Bertha—Mrs. Letta Maxwell.

Miss Evelyn Evans, a journalist—Mrs. Letta Maxwell.

Miss Freda Dixon—Mrs. Marie Bistline.

Katie, Mrs. Burton's maid—Mrs. Marion Larson.

SERVING TEN DAYS

Carl Rathburn of Flint was arrested here Monday evening as a drunk and Tuesday was taken before D. L. Johnson, justice of the peace, where he was found guilty. Unable to pay the fine which the justice set, Rathburn is now spending ten days in the county jail to give him plenty of time in which to think the matter over.

Third Red Cross roll call, November 2-11.

Estate of Mary Caroline Delavan, Deceased

HEARING CLAIMS
 STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate office in the village of Ithaca in said county on the 11th day of October, 1919.

Present, J. Lee Potts, Judge.

In the matter of the estate of Mary Caroline Delavan, Deceased.

The above estate having been admitted to Probate and Philip W. Cresser, Alma, Michigan, appointed executor thereof.

It is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present their claims against said estate and that such claims will be heard by said court on Wednesday, the 19th day of February, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

A true copy. Attest, J. LEE POTTS, Judge of Probate.

ELLEN M. WALTER, Recorder of Probate.

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